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## HAI-NAN ISLAND DEFENSES

On 20 March 1949, Chen Chit-t'ang, newly appointed Administrator of the Hainan Special District, consulted with the Minister-Counsellor of the US Embassy, Lewis Clark; Chennault; the US Consul-General in Kiang-chow (Kanton); and others. It is reported that the negotiations concerned indirect assistance of US naval and air forces on Hainan Island in maintaining peace on the island, and the use of the airfield base on Hainan and the facilities of the C-11 Air Transport Service to establish air service from Kiang-chow to Hainan.

The Chinese authorities have also decided to base a number of naval vessels and about 10 airplanes on Hai-nan, and to permit the Hai-nan Administrative District to organize a special agent unit on the island.

Administrator Ch'en expects to assume office 1 April 1949.

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NORTH CHINA PHONE, WIRE SERVICE REOPENED;  
SALT ADMINISTRATION SET UP

NORTH CHINA TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESUMED -- Ta Kung Pao, 23 Mar 39

On 16 March 1949, the North China People's Government announced that telecommunications with the outside are being resumed under the control of the Telecommunications Control Bureau. The service will be confined, for the present, to telephone and telegraph service. The costs of the messages are to be paid by the sender. Transmission of code messages and confidential material pertaining to state affairs will not be permitted.

CH'ANG-LU SALT ADMINISTRATION / ESTABLISHED -- Ta Kung Pao, 23 Mar 49

It is reported that the Ch'ang-lu Salt Administration was opened for business in Tien-ching (Tientsin) on 20 March. The Administration is under the control of the Finance and Economics Ministry of the North China People's Government and will have charge of production, tax collection, and technical matters in the Ch'ang-lu salt fields.

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